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FOREWORD.

As this work is written principally for the students of the Rosicrucian Order, Crotona Fellowship, much of the subject matter herein may be unfamiliar to those outside the Order.

Yet to those unacquainted with the subject of Occultism this little work will introduce the study of that which has been known and practised for all ages.

Should any reader wish to further his search into the subject of Practical Occultism, application through the Publisher will receive consideration.

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Many are the vexed questions concerning Life and destiny which man would seek to answer. Have I lived this life on earth before? Does this Life continue after that which is called Death? Is Mind and Thought independent of the human organism? Does man possess higher faculties than those he is in the habit of using day after day and if so, how can those faculties be unfolded?

Such questions every man of intelligence asks himself. It is the purpose of this work to answer these questions in a clear and logical manner and in the light of the experience of the Rosicrucians.

Let us first of all survey, briefly, the history of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. The Fraternity owes its origin to the archaic teachings of the Atlanteans who passed on their knowledge to the early Egyptians. By tradition and in some instances by writings, the knowledge has been passed on to the present time. The Fraternity bearing the name Rosicrucian was founded as such in Europe during the Medieval Ages and its purpose was to teach the esoteric side of Christianity,

and in addition to promulgate Eastern Mystery Science and Philosophy in a form adaptable to the minds of European people.

During the centuries which have elapsed since the Medieval Age a vast amount of knowledge has been accumulated, furthermore, the accumulated knowledge has proved to be practicable. That which could not be applied to practice has been archived as "Mystery Teaching" and treated in a manner more philosophic than scientific.

The Rosicrucian Order, Crotona Fellowship, is divided into two sections:—The Fraternity and the Order.

The Fraternity consists exclusively of Occultists who have applied to practice the Teachings of the Fraternity and have satisfied themselves as to the verity of all Teachings passed down through the centuries. Members of the Fraternity constitute the Magistii and Adeptii.

The Order or Fellowship is made up of students devoted to the studies of the Rosicrucians, students who hope after application and practice of the studies to enter the Fraternity.

In a short work of this description it is not possible to give in detail the full history of the Fraternity, much regarding the history has been written by others, and many of these have forgotten or do not know that the Order does not advertise itself and that all writings for the outside world and for the purposes of tradition are written in symbolic form.

Occasionally the Fraternity sends out a work dealing with its Philosophy or Science for the purpose of enhancing discoveries made by the layman during any particular century, but the bulk of its Teachings are reserved for the accredited members or given out in the form of novels or plays.

Usually a cipher or code is concealed in the work and by means of that cipher or code any member may know which particular Brother is responsible for the work.

We shall now in a brief manner deal with various sides of the "Conceptions of the Rosicrucians" for the benefit of all who gain possession of this book.

Like the Freemasons, the Rosicrucians believe in a

Supreme Architect of the Universe, though the term "Universe," in the Rosicrucian sense, refers only to a Sun with its attendant planets.

The Rosicrucians use the term "Kosmos" for the millions of Universes extant in space, and the Ruler and Guide of all these is a Supreme Architect or Absolute Consciousness.

That this Supreme Ruler gives ear unto every individual being who asks for favours is not the belief of the Fraternity, realising as it does that the Supreme has endowed man with faculties and powers (inherent within himself) by means of which he may overcome the difficulties which wait upon his ignorance.

To be able to contact the Supreme Architect means that the being possesses an unfolded consciousness equivalent to that of Kosmos. Such a being would have no need to manifest in a physical body or world.

That a physical being may contact in his consciousness a higher being than himself, though infinitely lower than the Absolute, is the belief of all Rosicrucians.

Space is peopled by entities of all degrees of consciousness, some of these have been embodied in physical vehicles and others have not.

That these entities irrespective of whether they have been embodied in the flesh or not, can help mankind, is the knowledge of all true Rosicrucians.

Man possesses a consciousness by means of which he may know himself and the world about him. As to how much he may know depends upon the degree to which his consciousness has unfolded.

In Rosicrucian Philosophy, Mind is considered to function in three ways, as follows:—

Mind Objective.

Mind Subjective.

Mind Super-Conscious.

The mind objective is that which rules the voluntary acts of the organism and works through the cerebro-spinal nervous system.

The mind subjective is that which rules the involuntary acts of the organism and works through the sympathetic

nervous system.

The Super-conscious mind is that which manifests as a result of the workings of the objective and subjective minds.

The three minds respectively have their location in the three brains, the Cerebrum, Cerebellum and Medulla Oblongata.

The Cerebrum concerns itself with the present state of affairs, the Cerebellum with the past, and the Medulla Oblongata with the past, present and future.

The Super-conscious mind may be considered the acme of consciousness. The Objective and Subjective minds rule the body and soul, the Super-conscious mind is the avenue for the Spirit's expression. The Rosicrucians know that man is constituted as body, soul and Spirit.

In the right understanding and unfoldment of the three minds as one, lies the key to the solving of the problems of life and destiny.

Nature is constantly revealing her secrets to man, but man will never know those secrets unless he seeks for them.

Before disease manifests in the human body, nature always gives warning, and if man does not heed the warning he will suffer.

In mental diseases there is one which gives the key to the functions of the three minds mentioned above. The disease is known as General Paralysis of the Insane, or to put it briefly, G.P.I. In this disease the unfortunate sufferer slowly, but surely, loses his consciousness, and passes from a fully conscious man to the state of an infant incapable of controlling the voluntary function of the body. In the last stages consciousness withdraws completely from the cerebrum, cerebellum and medulla oblongata.

The great secret of Practical Occultism is to be able to function at will in any of the three brains.

The infant, when it comes into the world, manifests from the Medulla Oblongata. As it grows and takes in experiences of life, it functions through the cerebellum and finally the cerebrum.

During the latter functioning, its forehead broadens as well as the crown of the head, and slowly but surely the

infant becomes a conscious thinker.

In practical occultism, as known to the Rosicrucian, this process is reversed, and as the consciousness is centred in the different brains by an effort of will, the experiences of the present and the past are reviewed. The result of this is not only the acquirement of a long memory, but also a checking of those tendencies which retard unfoldment (in the occult sense).

Man thinks to-day because minds have thought in the past, and as a result of that he thinks into his own life and world for his own specific purposes.

That which brings about unfoldment of higher faculties is new thinking and new grooving of the brain as a result of efforts of the will to penetrate into the three brains.

There are in the head and throat three centres or glands which play an important part in this unfoldment. They are known as the Pineal Gland, the Pituitary Body and the Thyroid Gland.

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their functions may be blended and linked up with the functions of the three brains and states of consciousness. It is the will which determines all this.

The right use of the will and the method of controlling the glands, brain and mind is the great secret of the Rosicrucians.

The reader of this work will have noticed how everything works in a threefold manner, as examples:—three states of consciousness, three brains, three glands and man constituted as a threefold being—body, soul and spirit.

The mystery of the Trinity need not be sought any further than the Physical Organism for the Kingdom of God is found within the human being.

In the science of Alchemy, three terms are used as Salt, Sulphur and Mercury. Nature functions in a threefold manner and the work of the Practical Occultist or Rosicrucian is to link his unfolded powers with those of the greater nature, by so doing he learns the secret of life, and to him there comes the knowledge that there is no death in God's great Kosmos but progress from one state of matter

to another.

He learns that mind can exist outside of a physical organism and that by means of that mind he can link up with other entities, either in or out of Physical bodies. Time becomes to him only an illusion for he perceives that there is nought but Duration—infinite life everywhere, from the meanest microbe to the mightiest of worlds.

A world of magic opens up to the Occultist's mind when he has rightly unfolded the faculties which lie slumbering within himself, when he sees how he can consciously cause changes within himself or outside of himself as he desires or wills.

The way to this unfoldment is not easy, but it is possible to those who are willing to undergo the training necessary.

There are many unbelievers in the world, but this little book has been written especially for those who do believe.

To those who do not we say, "Learn more about your own brain, there is much in it. Do not imprison that which seeks for an outer expression."

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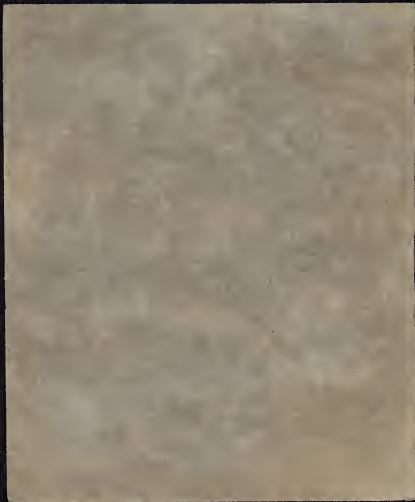
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